

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 20, 2008, and the above Amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

As a preliminary matter, the Office Action of March 20, 2008 was mailed to attorneys whose power had been revoked. A new Power of Attorney was filed in this application on April 4, 2007. While the filing of this Power of Attorney is not reflected in the transaction history available on PAIR for this application, it is shown in the documents available from the Image File Wrapper. Applicant requests that the Examiner note the new attorneys and address for all future correspondence in connection with this application.


Turning now to the Office Action, claims 27, 28, 31-79 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, a restriction requirement is made.

Specifically, the Examiner finds that the application is directed to two inventions. Claims 27, 29 and 31-42 and 71-79 (the Group I claims) are drawn through a surgical dissector, classified in class 606, subclass 190. Claims 43-54 and 55-70 (the Group II claims) are drawn to a method for separating tissue, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

By way of the present Amendment, Applicant elects, without traverse, the Group II claims, claims 43-70, drawn to the method of separating a tissue, for prosecution in the pending application. The non-elected claims have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted

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